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JIMMY BRITT DETHRONED BY BATTLING DANE

J. BRITT LACKS HITTING POWER

Often Tapped Jaw of Illinois Boxer.

DID NOT ROCK THE DANE

Experts Shown That Californian Could Drop His Man-Britt Simply a Boxer.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Perhaps there has never been a more unpopular champion in the history of pugilism than Jimmy Britt.

He is not a fighter in the true sens of the word, but merely a boxer, whose remarkable speed and skill have allowed him to outpoint stronger men and gain the decision at the end of limited-round bouts. He has displayed a lack of genuine sportsmanship in making his matches that has disgusted many followers of the game. He has outpointed his men instead of outfighting them. and when the real truth is told, those who are not entirely deficient in the good old pugnacious instincts which make oppressed people assert their right to lib-erty like to see a genuine blood-for-blood fight rather than an exhibition of fancy boxing.

Britt the Favorite.

But despite his unpopularity those who considered the fight from an enwho considered the fight from an en-tirely spec lative standpoint, were in-clined to fight Britt. He had the speed, the strength, and the prestige of former contests. It was admitted that Nelson bottom a stronger man than Britt, but the argument was that Britt strength, and when it came down to a pinch in a practically finish fight he would get busy with his strong right arm and prove that he could not only parry, but return with interest, the blows ed at his manly frame. Fully 8

Al Herford were all for Britt, although they were not at all fond of him and in their inmost hearts hoped he would lose. They figured that he had never before shown his real hitting capacity because of a fear that he might injure his hands or rush into unnecessary danger in carrying the fight to his man. Their idea was that he had this dangerous punch in reserve and by exercising his peculiar cleverness would put it over in the early stages of the fight and wind it up early in order to prove conclusively that he was the Dane's master.

Britt Cannot Punch.

A careful analysis of the rounds ber of times in which he hit Nelson of telling the story. on the jaw and accomplished nothing is such a sturdy opponent as Nelson. As possesses to an unusual degree the a matter of fact the reports do not show brute that you and I and all of us not that he was able to jar the Hegewisch sess in varying degrees. champion more than once or twice in Nelson, "Abysmal Brute." the eighteen rounds, despite the facility with which he could send his glove to the point which means the long end of The rounds read something like this,

Third round-Britt hard right to jaw.

Fourth-Britt two rights to jaw, right and left to jaw, and left to jaw. Fifth-Britt right and left to jaw. Sixth-Britt chop on jaw, but on the

whole, Nelson's round. Seventh-Nelson lands some

unches which give him the round, but Britt lands right and left twice to jaw. Eighth-Britt's right to jaw and then makes continuous performance by ham-mering aforesaid jaw. Dane in bad

shape and it was Jimmy's round. Ninth-Britt lands two "terrific" rights and lefts to jaw.

Tentn-Britt lands left at will and rocks Dane's head with right swing. Eleventh-Hard swat to jaw couldn'

stop Nelson. Thirteenth-Right and left swings to jaw by Britt force Nelson to clinch, but following left swing to same place has no effect. Nelson's blows have palpable effect upon Britt,

Fifteenth-Britt forces Nelson to break by rights to face.

Sixteenth-Right and left smashes Simply a Boxer. seem to weaken Dane.

Seventeenth—Same old story of Britt

landing on jaw at will. Eighteenth-Britt "peppers' rights and lefts to jaw and is having things his own way when the soporific right and left swings to his own jaw delivered by

the durable Dane put him to sleep and it is all over. Dane Eat 'Em Up.

blows by Britt which produced but lit-tle effect. In only one or two rounds did his constant cammering at the jaw of the Dane produce noticeable results, while the reports clearly show that on several occasions the body swats handed spot where he might hope to bring out by Nelson caused Britt much annovance and inconvenience.

To land upon exactly the right spot on the corner of the jaw and put your man to sleep is the object of every pugilist, and while it is not always easy to accomplish, no matter how clever you are, it is remarkable that Britt, with all his superior skill, was able to otonous regularity and then accomnothing. It is true he beat his by Naval G. F. Band. Take Pa. ave. in all the scientific points of the cars marked F and G going east.

NOVELIST FIGHT CRITIC



TACK LONDON.

Famous Writer Gives His Impressions of Britt-Nelson Contest.

Dane Kept Coming On, Impervious to Blows

per cent of the experts who follow the boxing game were of this opinion and so expressed themselves.

Men like Kid Sullivan, Joe Gans and Men like Kid Sullivan, Doe Gans and Declares Literary Man in Discussing Britt-Nelson Fight.

By JACK LONDON.

Kept coming on.

Then Nelson hit Britt and Britt was of us. tt Cannot Punch.

careful analysis of the rounds was that the Native Son did not have by more punch than he was credited on. Blows did stop Nelson from coming on. Blows did stop Britt; also they by more punch than he was credited on. Blows did stop Britt; also they be be been studied staggered him. Nelson is a fighting an-

It was an abysmal brute against a surprising. His cleverness was there all more highly organized, intelligent crearight, and he was able to land practure. Now, do not misunderstand me. tically when he pleased, but his blows I do not wish to call Nelson a brute; lacked the force necessary to put away but what I wish to say is that Nelson brute that you and I and all of us pos-

Let me explain. By abysmal brute I mean the basic life that resides deeper than the brain and the intellect in living things. It is, in truth, the very staff of life movement, and it is saturated with a blind desire to exist. This desire is expressed by movement.

No matter what comes it will move.
It came into the world first. It is lower down on the ladder of evolution than is intelligence. It comes first before the intellect. The intellect rests upon it: and when the intellect goes it still remains—the abysmal brute. Let me ex-plain a step farther if you are to under-from the beginning of the first round. stand this fight between Britt and Nel- His multitude of punches on the Dane

Here are you and I, average creatures, ber of blows landed by the Dane had fairly normal and fairly rational. Our minds are clear. We reason. We conduct ourselves with the intelligent poise of of Britt. that put Britt out. He had con-

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—In the sneer is made, an insult given. At once first round Britt hit Nelson half a dozen our poise of mind is gone. We are lows. At each blow Nelson was coming on. The blows did not stop him, he was greatly surprised at his failure to do any special damage to Nelson. The first three muddles our clear brain, takes charge might have caused Britt to size up the

with by those of us who have studied his abilities from afar and hearsay instance. The number of actual observance. The number of actual observance of actua The humber of blows which Britt was able to land on Nelson's jaw withto return. Nelson is the lower type. Britt is the higher type. Nelson is more callous to pain and shock, has less sensibility. At the same time the abysmal brute in him gives him a trementation capacity to move and to keep on moving. Britt is more delicately organized. He is more easily put out of gear. At the same time he possesses the sensibilities of Pritt's eleverness with a special part of blows. The chamber of blows with Britt was a right on the out doing him any serious damage is a peculiar feature which I don't undersease and ferceness less capacity to move and to keep on clear that he is lacking in strength. ceaselessly moving. Had he Nelson's capacity to move, plus his own intelsgence, he would have whipped Nelson. But Britt did not have this power of best man won-according to the rules of behind his swats.

Nelson did not knock Britt out with a blow, nor with a series of blows, in the eighteenth round. Britt was knockhad not counted. The far smaller nummind. But a sharp word is spoken, a sumed all his strength, all his vitality.

game and made him spread much gore, game and made him spread much gore, but his blows seem to have been no more potent than those of some of the more potent than those of some of the ambitious beginners around Washington who have never had a lesson in their lives and are willing to meet anybody who comes along, just so they get th

The conclusion would seem to be be yond all peradventure that Britt is a boxer, not a fighter, and has not the That is the way I felt all along. I was punch. In the twenty-round bouts his just warming up for a sprint down the friends always claimed that he was stretch when I landed the knockout holding back, taking no risks and trusting to his knowledge of the finer points and he fought a clean fight. Graney is of boxing. When the 45-round, or, to a prince and I accepted him because I all intents, unlimited bout, was proposed, it was asserted by his admirers the way through. I think I have de-The reading of this summary of the that while he had hitherto been cau-rounds presents a brilliant array of tious for business reasons he would tious for business reasons he would the man who tried to crawl out of the mecessarily throw aside this reserve and fight as has been charged." try to win as soon as possible

Reports indicate that he went after his man from the very first and played an home the long end of the purse, but try as he might, he could do no more than daze the Dane for a moment. There are a number of second-rate fighters in the country whom Britt would not deign to notice who could have put this par-ticular Dane to sleep early in the af-ternoon if they had had the same op-portunities to land upon his jaw with so much regularity.

Open-Air Sacred Concert Today

DISCUSS THE FIGHT

By BATTLING NELSON.

"I knew I would win, sooner or later. That is the way I felt all along. I was stretch when I landed the knockout knew he would be fair and square all monstrated to the public that I am not

By JIMMY BRITT.

"I have won many battles and I can lose this one like a gentleman. I was coming out of a clinch when Nelson landed a lucky one on the chin which ended the fun. My hands went back on me, and they pained whenever I landed. Nelson is a greater fighter, and eats up punishment. We each have won a fight and I want to fight him again."

FEVER GETS NO NEW HOLD IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 9.-No new points of yellow fever infection are reported in Mississippi tonight.

Amazed Because Britt Could Not Hurt Dane.

KID HAS FOUGHT BOTH

Washington Lightweight Says Californian Gave Him Tougher Argument.

One of the most surprised men in Washington yesterday when the result of the big fight had been announced was Kid Sullivan, the popular lightweight of this city, who has fought both Britt

Sullivan had been against Nelson when the Battler was in good shape and lost to Britt when the Native Son was in his prime. He had taken the best blows of both men and was in a position to express an opinion upon the relative merits of the scrappers.

Sullivan was one of the interested visitors at the office of The Times yesterday afternoon as the returns from the big mill were being received. He is at present training for his fight with Harry Lewis, in Baltimore, on September 22, and came over from the training camp especially to hear the returns from the

Kid Was Surprised.

As the reports arrived showing that the Battler had not been feazed by the bombardment upon his jaw, the Washington fighter was more and more amazed. He had tasted the power of Britt's swings and knew what they meant. He had also gone against the onslaughts of the Dane when that young man was touring the East and trying to maintain his reputation as the most devilish person that ever donned the mitts. As Sullivan heard the returns over The Times' special wire he exressed surprise at the way things were going. He said in part:

"The fact that Britt got busy in the first few rounds meant nothing, as he was anxious to sail in and try to se to test his condition and also learn how much the Illinois boy had learned about the boxing game since they met before for while Britt was naturally well in formed about what progress his rival had made, he could not exactly size up the situation until they met in the ring "Britt, I should imagine, was greatly

rounds, when both were perfectly fresh, might have caused Britt to size up the situation wrongly. Anyhow, it's a cinch he must have had his eyes opened when the Dane got busy in the fifth, sixth, and seventh rounds and began to shoot

Relson Is Awkward.

"When I fought Britt he tried me Couldn't Stop Nelson. with Myers. After that accident I couldn't hit except with my right hand. Spider Kelly was quick to see that I was in trouble and advised Britt to simply stand off and tap me for points. He got away with that in great shape and took no chances with his hand did business in a way which led me to belters that he had a way which led me to did business in a way which led me t believe that he had the sleep punch.

"The defeat of Britt is an upset to a lot of us who looked at the fight from another standpoint and thought that everness could triumph over strength ut we are always running foul of such in the fighting game

Gans, and, incidentally, one of th

"Any man, no matter how good he is, may get a sleep punch on the jaw when he is not expecting it, but that does not mean that he is a dead one. Sullivan was outpointed by Britt, but he drew with Nelson in the fastest six rounds ever seen in Baltimore, and if the Dane is anxious to find trouble between four posts all he has to do is to come East and get an engagement in Baltimore. If he is too obstreperous we may go to the Coast and try him there. If we do, it's a snap bet he will have a harder time trimming the Kid than Britt had."

PRACTICALLY LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION



BATTLING NELSON.

By Beating Jimmy Britt He Gets the Crown, as Gans, the Technical Holder, Cannot Make 133 Pounds.

Dane Was Too Strong, Says Fistic Expert

what was doing in the way of the Dane being a dangerous factor. He wanted Nelson Showed Practically No Distress From Britt's Blows-Had Californian Going in the Sixth Round.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9 .- "The best | He was staggered repeatedly, but he re-

covered more quickly than Britt did. You could see the Dane's legs spread It was not that Nelson was better than Britt in either plack or in boxing and his body sag as an extra hard blow of taking 65 per science. It was simply a case of the smashed him on the chin. He bowed \$10,000 for the Dane's durability. He won because he for the briefest space, and then he came is an iron man. He was punched seagain. Britt swayed when hard hit, and verely. He stood it all and still kept clung on. His distress when badly pun-forcing. He wore Britt down and then ished was worse than the Dane's. when he had him gasping let go punches Britt Hurt in Sixth. "A fighter of Britt's cleverness, with of blows. He sank down, he rolled over, him in the stomach. This is Britt's favtwo good hands and a thorough knowledge of where to plant a blow has litthe ropes. There was nothing about Nelson. In some of the rounds the Dane

was first put on the bum in the first his best. He was simply up against a hand exchanges. In a fierce

It appeared to the writer in the

"Best Man Won."

broken while training for Britt, as it stances. He was at his best and fought run Nelson got the better of these rightfight of consequence I ever had, that fellow who is impervious to injury from match in the eighteenth round, Britt's the platform. arms lowered and his body bent. Nelson There were some swift changes in the kept on hooking and uppercutting, and

points. all an indication that Nelson would win. ! "The best man won." Sysonby Leads Field In Annual Champion

Al Herford, manager of Sullivan and By Winning Rich Stake Keene Colt Increases His Total Earnings to \$180,000--Burgomaster's Great Eastern.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY, N. Y., Sept. 9.

James R. Keene's great three-yearold king of the turf, Sysonby, at 1 to
fight, and would never be less than those
in which Britt got the decision over
Corbett and Neison in previous bouts.
My dope was that he would hold the
Dane off for twenty rounds or more and
then when Nelson had become exhausted through his own awkwardness, would
get busy and put him to sleep. I knew
that Britt had a punch, but did not
think it especially dangerous unless the
other man was dead tired, and thats;
the way I figured Nelson's condition
would be.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY, N. Y., Sept. 9.

Won today by the great two-year-old
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gelding, bearing Whitney colors, third.

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"Any man, no matter how good he is. Oiseau, Oiseau ran second, and with-

Oiseau. Oiseau ran second, and within a few lengths of Sysonby from end to end.

Sysonby's Earnings.

By winning today Sysonby's earnings total close on to \$180,000.

This was the last day of the autumn meeting of the Coney Island Locker Club.

Summaries.

First race—All ages; six furlongs.

Merry England, 112 (J. Miller), 13 to 5, won; Dreamer, 112 (Shaw), 7 to 1, second; Disobedient, 90 (Notter), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1-14 3-5. Cloten, Watergrass, Prince Silverwings, Oriska, Veronese, Little Buttercup, and Little Annie also ran. Merry England and Cloten coupled in betting.

Second race—Westbury Steepleshare.

The Great Eastern Handicap was (Continued on Page Two, This Section.) nose. Both men were covered with

Terrific Smash on Jaw in the Eighteenth Round Downed California's Pugilistic Idol.

FINE FIGHT THROUGHOUT

One of the Best Exhibitions Ever Witnessed on the Pacific Coast - Decided Victory.

RINGSIDE, COLMA, Cal. Sept. 9 .-With a terrific right and left punch to the jaw "Battling" Nelson, of Hegewisch, III., this afternoon defeated Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, the pugilistic idol of the Pacific Coast, in the eighteenth round of what was conceded by all who witnessed it to have been the fastest prizefight ever witnessed in this vi-

Up to the time that the finishing blow was struck Britt had had the better of the battle, although the Dane had land-ed many telling blows, and until Nelson got through Britt's guard with the two blows, behind which were power enough to have felled an ox, it looked like any-body's battle. The fight was on the level; of that there can be no doubt, although for many hours the tongue of scandal had been busy with statements that everything had been fixed for the incoing of the sporting public.

Plenty of Action.

From the minute the men came to-gether until Britt tried to rise to his feet as the fatal ten, counted by Substitute Referee Eddle Granev, there had been action of a kind to delight the heart of every person who has warm blood coursing through his veins, and this, too, despite the fact that among the sport-ing public Britt had been conceded to outclass the Illinois lad and ruled favorite in the early betting at odds of 10

There was a most unseeming wrangle over the question of a referee, which lasted for more than an hour. Britt and his managers demanding that James J. Jeffries act, and Nelson and Manager Nolan positively refusing to permit any "Native Son" to be the third man in the ring. For a time it seemed as though Britt would get the decision by default, but Manager Coffroth, of the club, knowing that such a flasco at this time would be the death blow of prizefighting on the Coast, used his influence to such an extent that Britt finally gave way and consented to Eddie Graney, of Chicago, in place of Jeff.

Articles of Agreement. The articles of agreement provided for a purse of \$20,000, with the privilege of taking 65 per cent of the receipts, and whole to be divided 60 per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. The

estimated receipts were \$55,000. The men were to weigh in pounds, and did so at 10 o'clock this morning at Corbett's place. Both were

acting as his seconds. Agreed to Graney.

gence, he would have whipped Nelson. Eage of where to plant a blow has little excuse for failing to knock his movement; was too far removed from the brute and was himself whipped. The best man won-according to the rules of behind his swats.

Announcer Jordan, five minutes later, in his megaphonic voice, informed the was trying to gain his feet and fight was trying to gain his feet and fight again. He was in deep distress and behind his swats. Announcer Jordan, five minutes later, immediately there were large shouts for the Chicago sportsman. There was a long wait, however, as Graney had first out as he always does men who meet him in 20-round affairs, looking for points rather than a knockout, but I was geting along all right when I broke my hand, which had previously been broken while training for Britt as it.

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Britt kept pelting right right-hand body blows, and often whipped over smashed him while backing away. Britt swall for the jaw punch, and first would look as though he was trying to "do" Jeff, and it was not until the Chicago sportsman. There was a the Chicago sportsman. There was a frame hand first body blows, and often whipped over hard rights on the jaw. Nelson appeared to wait for the jaw punch, and first could not put up a better fight or inflict more punishment under any circumstic more punishment under any circumstant of the chicago sportsman. There was a first kept pelting right right hand for the jaw wait, however, as Grancy hand first body blows, and often whipped over hard rights on the jaw. Nelson appeared to wait for the jaw punch, and it was not until the Chicago sportsman. There was a first body blows, and often whipped over body blows, and often whipped over body blows. The chicago sportsman the Chicago sportsman the Chicago sportsman the Chicago sportsman. There was a first body blows, and often whipped over body blows, a he act that Graney finally went up to

> The picture men got busy and set up the latest improved paraphernalia, which was destined to reproduce on the largest contestants. At 2.36 Nelson put in an apearance, and was hooted and jeered for full five minutes. He was followed by his faithful manager, Nclan, Jack Coyle, and Fred Sanders.

The Hardest Nut.

Nelson was introduced as the hardest 'nut" in the business, and Britt as a 'Native Son" of the golden West and the pride of California. Graney then called them to the center of the ring for instructions, but apparently thinking something else necessary, waved them over to the ropes before the press

This was the last day of the autumn meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club, and 25,000 persons with Second race—Westbury Steeplechase; four-year-olds and upward; two and a half miles. Jimmy Lane, 150 (Owens), 3 in profusion with a right straight to the last day of the autumn meeting of the Coney Island four-year-olds and upward; two and a half miles. Jimmy Lane, 150 (Owens), 3 in profusion with a right straight to the last day of the autumn meeting of the Coney Island four-year-olds and upward; two and a half miles.